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HILO, HAWAII, September, 1867. The approach to Hilo over the elevated tablehad that extends from Mauna Ken to the ocean, is through luxuriant cane-fields, by green lawns, tare patches, groves of plantains and bananas, while here and there are scattered clumps of mangoes and pride of China, waving over neat halegalis, or more substantial and comfortable farm houses. It is a some of rural beauty, with tintings of the grand and picturesque. The scasurging in a thunder-voice against the lofty and

precipitous cliffs, or marmaring among the rocky goves and inlets; the deep and narrow gorges where silvery streams murmur in waterfalls, or leap in ensendes; the lofty domes of the grand mountains bounding the vision on the right, down from which sweeps the vast, variegated and verdure-covered plain to the sea, all combine to render it a landscape that will fix itself upon the memory like a picture of beauty, with ever fresh and glowing colors. In front is a deep indentation in the land, which extends and terminates in a beautiful buy, on whose crescent shores wave the cocoa palm and the tall banana, with an air of tropic loveliness and luxuriance; among the deep green groves, the white houses glitter in the declining sun, and the churches lift their spires to heaven. Reflecting the crimson clouds over the gate of the sun's farewell, the quiet bay sleeps like a giant resc-leaf on an emerald plain. Two vessels with furled sails are lying quietly at anchor, and a peace and tranquil beauty rest upon the scene, as the shadows of twilight fall over it like a veil. But the moon comes out under a white cloud, like that the stubborn Alp gazed upon at the siege of Corinth, but large enough for him to lose love and hope forever, as it passed. Her soft silvery light gave new tints to the scene and new outlines of loveliness. It lit with glory the lovely bay, and our eyes traced the long column of light on the rippling waters, far out beautiful is our mother earth! Ever smiling, the rudimentary branches of a good English eduglad and joyous, ever decked in robes of beauty, cation, are taught, together with vocal music, in grand in her simplicity, majestic in her great zone which some of the scholars have made great pro-

beneath the trend of time, and renews and decks herself with flowers, faster than his seythe can mow them! We derive our existence and draw our sustenance from her, sleep upon her bosom, and after our final repose return our dust to her. In loving earth and all that is beautiful and pure in nature, we worship God! We thrended the streets of Hilo by moonlight, and enjoyed the majesty of repose that seemed to rest upon everything, except the murmuring waves, which died in music along the shore. Greeted with generous hospitality, we were wel-

comed and made " at home." Exhibarated and

stern and mild in her deserts, rocks and glens!

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refreshed in a manner most appreciable by wayfarers, we arose next morning, and examined the port of Hilo and environs. Hitto, the second town in population and commercial importance in the Hawaiian Islands, is situated on a beautiful bay of the same name, on the windward side of Hawaii. The bay of Hilo was formerly called Waiakea, and frequently Byron's bay, but the present native name, being to the " manor born," and more appropriate, has by general consent superseded the others. It is in north latitude 19 9 45' and 155 9 06' west longitude from Greenwich. The anchorage is good and the harbor espacious. The crescent

shore slopes to the water's edge, where it termin-

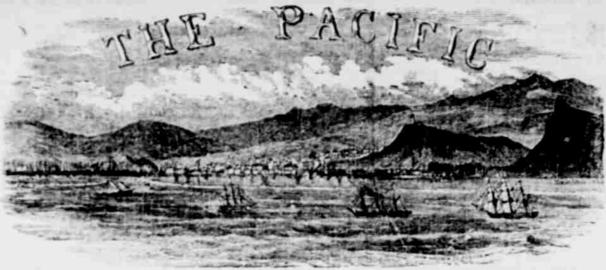
ates in a regular sandy beach. The boat landing

The approach to Hilo from the sea affords a beautiful view of the most tropical and verdant spot in the islands. The vegetation and trees are greener and more luxuriant in foliage, owing to frequent showers, than in any other locality. The gardens are luxuriant, the flowers in eternal bloom, and the plantains and bananas grow taller than anywhere else it has been our lot to see them, and many groves of them look like tall and tangled forests. They are loaded with fruit. We noticed the mango, the orange, the tamorind and other fruit trees, but from some cause they did not seem so productive as those of Lahaina or Honolulu. The cabbage would wake dreams of sour krout in "der faderlandt," and esculents, and other garden vegetables flourish well, and few situations on the islands promise more ample

than the rich, sloping plain in and around Hilo. The climate is regular, the earth is blessed with copious rains and fertilizing dews. The hand of industry is not paralyzed by drouth, and the people escape the fends and warfare over water for irrigation, which has been the source of so much trouble in the drier and less favored islands of

returns to horticultural and agricultural industry

The population of Hilo proper at the last census, as near as can be ascertained, was 1750. Of this, the active business portion is composed of foreigners. The Americans are most numerous; besides the missionaries and their descendents, the highest officials of the city and most of the sugar planters belong to the genus Yankee. They are all alike characterized by kindness, urbanity and hospitality. There is no greater spirit of liberality in the islands than among the American residents of Hilo, and this is exhibited without limitation and on all occasions. May their shadows never grow less, while their purses clongate. The American population is about 75 of waiian Islands. Indeed, we did not see an ancient all ages. Equal in number to the Americans-if temple, or any of those grand works of the old not greater the Chinese constitute a very im- natives, which are seen in Kona and Kohala. The Cheap Retail Store. portant portion of the population of Hilo. They fish pond at Waisken is the only relic of the past. are generally of a superior class, mostly mer- The harbor of Hilo, with little expense, could chants and men of business, active and energetic. be made one of the safest and most commodious Fresh Molokai Butter, 374 cts. per lb. The first Chinese emigrants assimilated and mar- in the Pacific. By constructing a break-water on ried with the natives; they became a part of the the reef, northward from the point beyond Wainpermanent population, and in the rising genera- kea, the barbor would be perfectly safe, landtion, there is a large proportion of mixed blood, locked and sheltered at all times. This could be descendents of Hawaiians and celestials. They easily effected by building a tram rail-way, and are handsome, quick and intelligent, especially by means of cars, which could transport the



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perceived that the rising generation is not with-

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ness. Our friend Mr. Mills, besides being a natu-

native birds we have seen in the islands, has a

well assorted retail store of dry goods and gro-

ceries. The American Consul, Captain Worth,

position, fronting the anchorage in the bay.

is an extensive trade with the districts of Puna

and Kau, as also the districts of Hilo and Hama-

roads and facilities for traveling were greater, the

turning lathe where among various useful uten-

and plentiful around Hilo; and also from the yel-

low and more solid wood of the breadfruit tree.

gallery, blacksmiths' and shoemakers' shops, a

bakery, a butchery where splendid beef is sup-

plied, and nary a liquor shop or barber pole. We

have the proud satisfaction of saving that in three

weeks' sojourn we saw no resident of Hilo drunk.

There is one physician in Hilo, Dr. Wetmore,

who seems to be practicing his profession with

much assiduity, honesty of purpose and persever-

ance. He has also an ample drug store. There

are no licensed lawvers, but several aspirants to

that honor. They are the sapless limbs of the

law, without the trunk. The Judges are rather

juvenile and somewhat jejune-judicial proceed-

The history of Hilo is lost in the clouds of tra-

tinued to be until after the death of Keoua, its

last sovereign, when the whole island was gov-

erned by Kamehameha I. Its former population

was much greater than it is now, although there

are fewer evidences of a dense population in an-

cient times than in any other portion of the Ha-

out ample means of education.

HONOLULU, HAWAHAN ISLANDS, NOVEMBER 9, 1867.

three Englishmen, three Germans and three Span- lava, which would resist the action of water for iards. Besides the sunny countenance of Ha. y, ages. The convict labor of the island would be we saw one more radiant phig to "reprisint the sufficient to accomplish the work in a few years, and render Hilo a Port where all the shipping of There are two substantial churches in Hilo. the Pacific could ride securely at anchor. It is

The protestant evengelical church, presided over now more capacious than any other bay or harbor by the Reverend Titus Coan, is large, indeed on the island, and it is not subject to violent gales sufficiently commodious for the entire population from any quarter.

of Hilo. Its modest white spire can be seen. We climbed the volcanic hills beyond the rising far above the green foliage of the embryo school-house of Panahon, back of Hilo, through city. We attended divine worship in this church tall, wiry grass, waist high. It was dense and and were struck with the forcible simplicity and massive as an East Indian or Central African juneloquence of the pastor, and the scrupulously gle, and impassable for a horse. Although the polite attention of the native audience. We most beautiful look-out and commanding the have never witnessed more dignity or devotion. | most extensive view of any point near the coast The Roman Catholic church is also commodi- on the Hawaiian Islands, there is not a path-way ms well constructed and roofed with slate. It leading to it. It requires long extremities, strong finely situated with its white towers and bel- flexors and extensors and resolution and perseverfries, surmounted by two crosses directly in front ance to wade through it. We, however, made the harbor. Father Carles Pouzot is piously the ascent and were well rewarded for our trouble. and devoutly bent on the good of his flock, who Hilo lay below us in all its loveliness of rural m to appreciate his services with sincerity. beauty, a regular crescent around its symmetrical Being tolerant of all religious creeds, and in favor bay, in whose quiet waters three vessels were at anything that will aid human progression, we anchor; we seemed overlooking a vast irregular cerely hope that these rival churches will ad- and diversified plain extending from the sea on ance the moral and social interests of Hawaii. the East to the mountain domes, forty miles dis-Dissensions among militant sects, awaken the tant on the West, and lost in the distance to the pirit of investigation, and thus promote a thirst North and South. It was dotted with groves, for the acquisition of religious intelligence. This seamed with forests and cleaved with gushing rivers. Between the belts of forest were green, The facilities for education are good in Hilo. grassy plains, with occasional farm houses and The Seminary of the Rev. D. B. Lyman, at Puna-native cottages. Immediately below us and behox, near the base of the extinct volcanic crater youd the dashing stream that flows into Hilo Bay. hill of Halai, is prosperous and doing much good is the Sugar Plantation of Amauulu, belonging to to the rising generation. The house is a large Captain Thomas Spencer. His neat cottage of two story frame building zine-covered, in an ele- Puueo, on the rise beyond the sugar mill, in its vated position overlooking the city and bay, and quiet simplicity rose in the centre of his four hunwide expanse of variegated plain and ocean, east- dred acres of cane now in cultivation. The cane Office opposite the Court House, on Queen Street. ward and southward, with a back-ground of was green and vigorous in its growth, and some grand mountains to the west and northwest. The of it the heaviest and finest we have seen on the school is conducted on the manual labor system. Islands. A count of one of the rows showed two Attorney at Law, Solicitor in Chancery and Proctor The soil is good and the grounds extensive. We hundred canes in 46 feet; they were large, long saw several acres of taro and other vegetables in and growing rapidly. We do not think there is fine cultivation. The average number of scholars a more valuable plantation in Hawaii. It lies in attendance at the school of Punahon, is sixty, adjoining Hilo, is well watered, exceedingly fertile, The branches taught are rudimentary-reading, with a fine landing, facilities for fluming the cane

The school of Mr. H. R. Hitchcock, for boys most of it capable of producing sugar cane. until its base was lost in the deep blue sea. How and girls, is in a flourishing condition. Here all Northward on the coast adjoining Amauulu, is the Kaiwiki Plantation of Melchers & Co. This is also finely situated, the cane flourishing, green and vigorous, abundance of water and all the facilities necessary to make a good plantation. of ocean, her crown of snow-clad mountains, and ficiency; but the sexes should be separated till

abundance of wood and 3,600 acres of land, the

writing, arithmetic, grammar and geography; from any part of the plantation to the mill, with

Adjoining this is the Chinese Sugar Plantation they are matrimonially joined. This school geneof Chung Hoon & Co., which seems to be doing rally numbers about sixty scholars of both sexes. well and the case looks thrifty. The female school of Mrs. Shipman deserves

Beyond this is the flourishing plantation of notice and encouragement. It is a boarding-Onomea, of Messrs. Austin & Co. We do not know of a more beautiful plantation, and one that der excellent management, though small boys are

> estowed on its cultivation. Dim in the distance beyond this, the Metcalf Sugar Plantation and the rising hills bound the

promises a richer reward for the capital and labor

But scattered everywhere and lying at our feet, eluding Waiakea and Onomea. So it will be are taro patches-the upland taro-growing without irrigation, more vigorously than taro anywhere else in deeply inundated beds. It is the There are in Hilo eight retail commercial Hawaiian staff of life, and is produced more houses, with a large supply of dry goods and abundantly and with less labor around Hilo than at any other point. As the "spud" to Paddy, o is taro to the Kanaka, and the plains around Hilo are his Elysian fields-the Arcadia of his assortment of merchandise, have everything for

There is little cultivation in the ocean bounded dain that stretches toward Puna and Kau. Crown lands and long leases of large lands, have effectually prevented settlement and cultivation.

also an extensive establishment, and there are We stood upon Mount Halai as we sketched the scene, but there are three volcanic cones in a ralist, with the finest and largest specimens of line, with a distinctly marked crater in each. Halai or Punahon, is the one nearest Hilo; the second is also called Halai, though separated from it by a valley, where there is a kuleana, a halehas also a general supply, in a very advantageous pili and taro cultivation; the third is called Pumu. The erater of the latter is less distinctly Besides the supplies furnished the shipping, there defined than those of the two first, its summit being but slightly concave. They were all mud and water volcanoes. They never ejected scoria kun as far as Koholalele. If there were good and ashes nor streams of fery lava; but they formed the plain around Hilo, by an eruptive trade that would centre in Hilo, would be much deluge of mud and water. Like the Volcan del Aqua, or water volcano of Guatemala , the hot, There is an iron foundry, where excellent work steaming deluge poured over the plain and formed is turned out by Mesers. Lidgate & Co.; also a regular layers. These are visible in the unctious, vellow, clayer soil-the silt that was upbeaved sils, poi bowls are manufactured of an excellent from beneath in a liquid form. The basaltic kind from the pride of China, which grows large formation beneath it came from Mauna Loa, the three lateral mud craters gave it the coating soil, they were but the chimneys or flues through the There are two saw mills, a lumber yard, a picture

trap or basalt. Northwest of the plantation house of Capt. Spencer at Puneo, is another crater cone, surmounted by a halepili. This is of the same class as those above described, and its cruptions were of boiling mud and water, which formed the coating of soil over the plain around. But we must leave you here, and write again from Kilauea.

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